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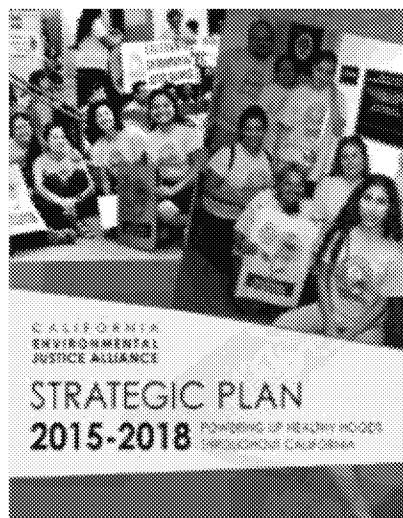


CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE

New Strategic Plan & New Partners!

As the climate crisis escalates and environmental issues continue to disproportionately impact communities of color across the state, there is an urgent need for strong, organized, grassroots voices to create change here in California. After years of work together, CEJA is poised to mobilize our network and residents throughout California to achieve big wins on environmental justice!

CEJA's new 2015-2018 Strategic Plan represents our collective vision for deepening and growing both our alliance and the movement for environmental justice.



We have developed 3-5 year program goals to achieve thriving Green Zones, advance Energy Equity, and have launched a new Climate Justice program. We're also excited to announce the growth of our alliance. As part of the process, we have updated our membership structure and are thrilled to welcome our new partners CAUSE,

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CEJA Shout Outs

Congrats to CCAEJ for two inspiring EJ wins: Omnitrans will move their explosive tanks out of a residential neighborhood, and just last week, DTSC and the City of Riverside have agreed to do testing at the toxic Ag Park!

CRPE and Rodrigo Romo's lawsuit against the Governor Jerry Brown

Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability,
Pacoima Beautiful, and PSR-LA to the CEJA family!

Read our full 2015-2018 Strategic Plan!

congreso Rally to Commemorate the 10th Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina

On August 29th, 2005, Hurricane Katrina brutally exposed the divide between who our government helps in a time of climate crisis, and who it leaves behind. On August 25th, as part of our statewide Congreso, CEJA members will commemorate the 10th Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina with a rally for climate justice. We're honored to have Colette Pichon-Battle from Gulf South Rising as our featured speaker, along with fierce community leaders from across California. Read more about our rally here.



With our state debating big climate policies and the UN preparing for another round of negotiations this Fall, we need to send a strong message to our decision-makers: now is the time for California to lead the way beyond dirty fossil fuels and toward an equitable, clean energy future.

The rally is part of our exciting 2015 Congreso: People, Power, Policy! Join us for inspiring panels, hands-on workshops, a cultural night with fabulous performances, our inaugural EJ Leadership Awards, and our climate justice rally! Check out our full Congreso Agenda. A special thank you to our Congreso Sponsors for their generous support to make our 2015 Congreso possible.

Deadline is this Friday, August 7th to register for People, Power, Policy!

AB 693: Bringing Renewable Energy to EJ Communities

lays out loud and clear that fracking in CA disproportionately impacts Latino communities. We can't wait for updates on this major step forward in the movement against fracking.

We love seeing the advances for transportation justice and EHC continues to pave the way, recently winning against SANDAG to halt expansion of a freeway in National City!

We joined CAUSE and hundreds of community members last month at a CPUC hearing to demand Not One More Power Plant on Oxnard's Coast.

Leadership Counsel recently helped pass legislation authorizing the State Water Board to order a drought consolidation budget to secure more safe and affordable drinking water.

CEJA Members

Asian Pacific Environmental Network »

Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice »

Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment »

Communities for a Better Environment »

Environmental Health Coalition »

People Organizing to Demand

Our communities have been on the frontlines of fossil fuel pollution for decades and now our neighborhoods are among the most vulnerable to climate disruption and extreme weather. We need to be on the frontlines of the solution: transition from dirty energy to clean, equitable, renewable energy located directly in our communities.

CEJA is proud to be a key supporter of AB 693 authored by Assemblymember Susan Eggman. The bill would create a new program to finance on-site, solar installations for low-income tenants living in affordable housing, and give the money saved on energy costs directly to the renters. Healthy Hoods need locally produced, clean, renewable energy, and AB 693 takes us one important step closer in that direction.

UPDATE: AB 693 passed out of the Senate Energy & Utilities Committee with a 8-3 vote! Read more here.

Environmental and Economic Rights (PODER) »

CEJA Partners

Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE) »

Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability »

Pacoima Beautiful »

Physicians for Social Responsibility - Los Angeles »

Mission

CEJA is a statewide coalition of grassroots, environmental justice organizations. We are working to achieve environmental justice by organizing in low-income communities and communities of color – those most impacted by environmental hazards – and by pushing for policies at the federal, state, regional and local levels that protect public health and the environment.

CEJA unites the powerful local organizing efforts of members to create comprehensive opportunities for change at a statewide level. We combine grassroots organizing with strategic policy advocacy.

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